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SUBJ: ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES ON TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION
PREVENTION: PREPARATIONS FOR PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE
IN LONDON, FEBRUARY 6-17, 1978

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1. EMBOFF DELIVERED LETTER CONTAINING RELEVANT PARTS OF
REFTEL PLUS TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S MARCH 17 STATEMENT
ON TANKER SAFETY TO MR. JOSE GOLEZ, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF
SHIPPING OPERATIONS, MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY, DECEMBER 23.
AT MR. GOLEZ'S SUGGESTION, SIMILAR LETTERS ARE BEING SENT TO
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOP INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE FORMED TO
CONSIDER THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION
OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS.

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2. THE GOP HAS NOT YET FOCUSED ON THE FEBRUARY PLENIPO-
TENTIARY CONFERENCE IN LONDON. MR. GOLEZ THINKS IT VERY
LIKELY THE PHILIPPINES WILL SEND A TECHNICAL REPRESENTA-
TIVE FROM THE COAST GUARD, AND PERHAPS AN OBSERVER FROM
THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN LONDON.

3. DURING GOP INTER-AGENCY MEETINGS IN MID-1977 TO CONSIDER
GOP POSITION CONCERNING THE CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION
OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS (1973), TWO POINTS OF VIEW
EMERGED GOLEZ SAID. THE PHILIPPINES IS VERY SENSITIVE TO
THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE BECAUSE IT IS AN ARCHIPELAGO WITH
EXTENSIVE COASTLINES AND IS STRATEGICALLY LOCATED FOR
THE PROPOSED REROUTING OF TANKER TRAFFIC FROM THE PERSIAN
GULF TO JAPAN. HOWEVER, THE COST OF MAINTAINING TANKERS
UNDER THE NEW REGULATION MUST BE PASSED ON TO CRUDE IM-
PORTERS AND THEREFORE WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT A NON-OIL
PRODUCING LDC LIKE THE PHILIPPINES. GOLEZ FEELS HOWEVER
THAT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THE GOP WILL LEAN TOWARDS
STRONGER MEASURES TO CONTROL POLLUTION AT SEA.
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